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The Legislature's Priorities

The Legislature concluded the 2005 session last night and it became very apparent what the priorities are for this liberally-dominated Legislature.

You may have thought priorities would have included Jessica's Law — the legislation that would crack down on sexual offenders, transportation, education, or housing. However, this is not what the Speaker and the liberals in Sacramento saw as their major achievements for the year.

Their focus and top priority became the push to pass legislation to authorize gay marriage. This is clearly contrary to the majority of voters in California that voted and supported Proposition 32 which defined

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and supported Proposition 22 which defined marriage as being between a man and a woman.

They also chose to focus on their continued drive to support and legitimize illegal immigrants. They voted to pass legislation for the fifth time granting illegal immigrants' drivers' licenses.

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez and the liberally-dominated Legislature prioritized and were elated and jubilant with the passage of gay marriage and drivers' licenses for illegal immigrants – clearly their top priorities as the Legislature adjourned.

At the same time that these issues were being passed by the Legislature, over 17,000 sex offenders in California are roaming our communities undetected because they have failed to register with Megan's Law. In fact, they refused to even grant a public policy hearing for Jessica's Law that would once and for all crack down on sexual predators, keep track of these sex offenders and improve the safety of our communities for our children.

Furthermore, they failed to tackle the problem of our roads more and more congested by failing to pass the Governor's GoCalifornia package. Part of this package would have authorized Cal-Trans to use design-build to speed up the process for building roads thus easing congestion. If the legislation to authorize design-build would have passed this year, the problem with building the additional lane on the 405 would have been solved. Instead partisan politics prevailed and we remain stuck with the same tired system to build our roads.

This Legislature needs to get its priorities straight. I will continue to fight for issues that truly make our communities safer, our commutes shorter, and encourage and support economic development in California.

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